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From the Residency Program Director

The Internal Medicine Residency Program and the Department of Medicine at Jefferson are pleased to support another issue of the *Jefferson Forum* to continue to highlight resident scholarly work. The *Jefferson Forum* now is a well-established Jefferson tradition since its debut in 1999. Financial support for this publication has again been provided by unrestricted private educational grants. The editors have maintained complete editorial independence to assemble and peer review the submissions for this installment.

This issue features several case reports of interest to the community of Internists. Well referenced and researched case reports continue to be an important academic exercise for the resident in Medicine leading to a greater understanding of an individual patient's illness and an opportunity to share lessons learned with our readers. These reports also remind us that Practice Based Learning from our individual patients, utilizing

electronic media effectively, is an important competency for the Internist. This issue also continues to feature original artwork submitted by our residents. The art of Dr. Manav Segal graces the cover. Also included in this issue is an original research abstract from the Division of Cardiology.

The editors deserve our praise for a job well done. Please recognize that the creation of this journal is accomplished by a small team of residents who still have to contend with the daily rigors of residency including night call, teaching their inpatient teams, long days, and preparing for boards. I thank them for extending Jefferson's tradition of excellence in Medical Education.

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Editor's Statement

Welcome to the fourth edition of *The Jefferson Medical Forum*. We are proud to present some of the case reports, original research and art work completed by members of the internal medicine residency program.

We appreciate the hard work of all of our contributors and look forward to future submissions.

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